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Clan

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(Cat above is Oakstar)
Moon Clan
Leader: Oakstar tom with white with black patches
Deputy: Flaresky Bright orange tom with sky blue eyes
Medicine Cat: Foxstorm Calico she-cat with green eyes
Medicine Cat Apprentice: Wolfpaw Grey she-cat with a stumpy tail
Warriors:
Cloudblaze White tom with amber eyes
Berryfang: calico tom with green eyes
Gingertail tan she-cat with green eyes
Apprentice Fernpaw
Mistcatcher grey she-cat with a scar along her belly apprentice Flintpaw
Acornsplash a brown tom with hazel eyes apprentice Otterpaw
Slateshadow dark grey tom with long scar across face apprentice Pigeonpaw
Brookwing black she-cat with golden eyes apprentice Bluepaw
Eagleflower grey and white she cat with bluish grey eyes apprentice Springpaw
Dawnglow a silver she cat with sky blue eyes
Bramblecloud dark brown tom with green eyes
Apprentices:
Springpaw a white cat she-cat with green eyes
Bluepaw a grey tom with blue eyes
Pigeonpaw a grey tom with ice blue eyes
Otterpaw a dark brown tom with navy blue eyes
Fernpaw: a calico she-cat with green eyes
Flintpaw light grey tom with amber eyes
Queens:
Silverfrost silver she cat with blue eyes
Hazelpoppy dark brown she-cat with brown eyes
Lilybreeze a light grey she-cat with grey eyes
Elders:
Lightningwind a yellow tom with green eyes

Mousedawn a grey she-cat with blue eyes
I am too lazy to list the other clans

Prolouge

"The kits are coming!" Cloudblaze yowled as Lilybreeze fell to the floor gasping for air. Foxstorm rushed over "Wolfpaw!" She meowed "go get a stick and the herbs in my den I was showing you this morning!" Wolfpaw nodded and rushed towards the medicine cat den coming back with a stick and a bundle of herbs. "Here" Foxstorm meowed giving her the herbs "eat these" Lilybreeze licked up the herbs. Foxstorm placed the stick between her jaws. "Bite down on this" she meowed. Lilybreeze nodded. Her body shook as the first kit came, a dark brown tom, her eyes filled with pain. "Good" she coaxed the queen "you're doing great". A spasm went through her body as the next kit came a white she-cat. She yowled out in agony as the next kit came a black she-cat. Then the stick splintered into pieces as the next kit came it was a silver tom. "One more!" Foxstorm meowed "you can do it!" Lilybreeze cried out in pain as the next kit came a grey she-cat. "That's all!" Foxstorm meowed. Lilybreeze nodded tiredly. She curled around her kits and fell asleep.

Lilybreeze woke up later in the nursery. Cloudblaze was grinning at her. "What should we name them?" He asked. She looked down at her kits." The brown one should be called Pinekit. And the next one should be Breezekit. And the black one Bouncekit. You name the other two." She decided. "Those are looking lovely names." He meowed "let's call the silver one Silverkit." He looked at the grey she-cat worriedly she was so small compared to her litter mates. "How about we call the grey one..." "Echokit" she meowed "that's a lovely name" he meowed. She smiled at him and fell back asleep curled up around her kits.

Chapter 1

[image]

(Cat above is Bouncekit) "Is she ever going to open her eyes mom?" "When she's ready honey""Tell her to open her eyes now!" "It doesn't works like that mouse brain.""I'm no mouse brain you are!" Echokit opened her eyes. "Told you!" Bouncekit meowed "If we tell her to open her eyes then she will!""Come on!" Pinekit meowed excitedly "Now we can play!" Echokit grinned.Echokit stood up and followed her littermates out of the nursery. Another kit came up to them she had calico fur. " Hi my name is Splashkit!" she meowed to Echokit " What's your name?" "My name is Echokit!" Echokit meowed."Let's play a game!" Bouncekit declared."I am Bouncestar leader of MoonClan."He looked at Oakstar."MoonClan!" he meowed "attack the fox!" the kits charged at Oakstar knocking him over."Do you give up?" Bouncekit meowed. Oakstar grinned "Oh yes you and your warriors were too much." Then he pretended to fall over and die. "We have defeated the fox!" Bouncekit meowed. Echokit smiled at Splashkit.

Suddenly Oakstar yowled "MoonClan is under attack!" Echokit saw many strange cats attacking her clan mates."Get in the nursery!" Lilybreeze yowled pushing all of the kits in the nursery. The kits poked their heads out of the nursery to try and see the battle."Mom!" Splashkit cried out as a massive tom ripped out Silverfrost's throat."Retreat!" The massive tom yelled leading his cats away. Splashkit padded over to her mother's dead body. "If only I had been able to save her." Echokit tried to comfort her friend. Ferretkit walked out of the nursery her eyes wide with terror. Echokit looked around camp and saw Berryfang was laying on the other side of camp dead his ear was shredded his stomach was gushing blood."Splashkit" Echokit meowed looking at her friends father. Splashkit ran over to her father. "Why couldn't I save them!" She meowed angrily. She also Wolfpaw on the floor dead. Splashkit padded towards the Sky Tree where the leader was. She whispered something to him and he nodded. *What is she saying?* Echokit wondered. Splashkit walked back to Echokit and Ferretkit."I

am going to be a medicine cat apprentice." She meowed.

Oakstar climbed up to the sky tree."All cats who can hunt in the moonlight gather beneath the Skytree for a clan meeting!"Echokit ran over to the Sky Tree with her siblings,Ferretkit,and Splashkit. "We lost two noble warriors today Silverfrost and Berryfang and also a young medicine cat apprentice Wolfpaw. Meeting is over!" he yowled. All the kits padded over to the nursery. And went to sleep.

Echokit woke to the sound of coughing. "Huh?" she meowed. She saw Breezekit coughing. "Come on," Lilybreeze meowed "I'll take you to Foxstorm." Echokit snuck after them. Trying not to step on her litter mates, or Splashkit, Ferretkit, and Sparkkit. She listened to their conversation. *cough cough* "I'm afraid she has whitecough" Foxstorm meowed. Echokit gasped and so did Lilybreeze. "W-whitec-cough! I have whitecough!" Breezekit stuttered. "I'm afraid so," Foxstorm meowed. "You are going to be fine honey," Lilybreeze meowed. Foxstorm did not reply. Echokit didn't want to hear any more. She raced back to the nursery. And pretended to sleep. *She's going to die!* Echokit thought to herself. *What do I do?*

Chapter 2

[image]

(The cat above is Thorn)

Echokit sat in the nursery watching the sun rise. "Oh StarClan please let Breezekit be okay," Echokit muttered to herself. Lilybreeze walked back into the nursery. *Oh no* Echokit thought to her self *something is wrong*. Eventually the other kits and queens in the nursery woke up. "Where is Breezekit?" Pinekit asked his mother. " Last night she caught a terrible case of whitecough. Breezekit hunts with StarClan now," Lilybreeze meowed."Is she coming back?" Silverkit asked "I'm afraid not," Lilybreeze sighed.

Echokit sat in the nursery with the other kits when they heard cats entering the camp. They all stuck their heads out of the nursery. There was a grey and white cat and an orange and white cat sitting in the camp talking to Oakstar. Oakstar nodded and climbed up the Sky Tree "All cats who can hunt in the moonlight gather underneath the Sky Tree for a clan meeting!" he yowled. The kits tumbled out of the nursery rushing towards the Sky Tree. "Sadly, we lost a young kit today Breezekit. She caught whitecought and she hunts with StarClan now. We will sit a vigil for her tonight." Echokit leaned over towards Bouncekit "What's a vigil?" she asked Bouncekit shrugged "no idea," he meowed.

"We also have some new warriors today. This morning these two cats asked to join our clan their names are Rose and Thorn." Thorn stepped forward "It would be an honor to join your clan. This is my mate Rose and she it carrying my kits," Thorn dipped his head and stepped back. Oakstar meowed "It would be wonderful to have you. Would you like to be given warrior names?" Thorn dipped his head "That would be great," he meowed. "Thorn your new name will be Thornshade and Rose your new name will be Roseclaw," Oakstar meowed. Thornshade and Roseclaw dipped their heads.

The kits tumbled out of the nursery wanting to meet the new cats.

Echokit looked at Thornshade and Roseclaw. Thornshade turned and looked at her. Bouncekit ran over to Thornshade and Roseclaw with the rest of the kits running behind him." I'm Bouncekit!" He meowed, "and one day, I will be the leader of MoonClan!" Pinekit looked at him "No one day I'll lead MoonClan!" he meowed. Bouncekit jumped on his brother playfully. Echokit watched her brothers roll around on the floor. Roseclaw padded over to another cat and began to talk."Ouch!" Bouncekit squeaked at his brother "You hurt my ear!" Echokit looked at her brothers. Part of Bouncekit's ear was on the floor and the blood was streaming from his ear. Lilybreeze ran over and picked up Bouncekit rushing him to the medicine cat den. Pinekit looked at his brother is horror realizing what her had done. Echokit looked at Pinekit *how could he do this?* she thought to herself *Pinekit has never done this before. What happened to him?*

Chapter 3

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(Cat above is Badgershade)

"Bouncekit will be fine," Foxstorm meowed. "Now I look like a real warrior!" Bouncekit meowed exitedly. Lilybreeze nodded "you can go back to the nursery now," Lilybreeze meowed. Bouncekit nodded happily and padded to the nursery.

----------A FEW MOONS LATER----------

Oakstar climbed up the Sky Tree "All cats who can hunt in the moonlight gather under the Sky Tree for a clan meeting!" he yowled. "Pinekit, Silverkit, Bouncekit, and Echokit step foward! These four are now ready to become apprentices! Pinekit from this day forward until you revive your warrior name you will be known as Pinepaw and your mentor shall be Thornshade."

Thornshade dipped his head and touched noses with his new apprentice. "Silverkit from this day forward until you receive your warrior name you will be known as Silverpaw and your mentor will be Flaresky!"

Flaresky touched noses with his apprentice. "Bouncekit from this day forward until you receive your warrior name you will be known as Bouncepaw and your mentor will be me!"

Bouncepaw excitedly touched noses with his mentor. "Echokit from this day forward until you receive your warrior name you will be known as Echopaw and your mentor will be Bramblecloud!" Echopaw ran over happily and touched noses with her mentor. *I am going to be the best warrior MoonClan has ever seen!* She thought to herself. Bramblecloud looked down at his apprentice "What are we going to do first?" Echopaw asked excitedly
"How about we explore the territory?"
"Yes! Let's do that!" She meowed excitedly. Bramblecloud nodded and led her out of camp.

"This is the border between us and WillowClan," Bramblecloud

meowed. Echopaw sniffed the air. *Eww* she thought *How can WillowClan cats stand that smell?* Bramblecloud looked around his fur bristling "Head back to camp," he meowed "Now!" Echopaw nodded and scurried away.

Bramblecloud's POV

"I know you're there," Bramblecloud meowed, "and I'm not afraid of you," The grey cat stepped out from the shadows. Laughing. "Well you should be," he meowed. "What do you want Thornshade," he meowed. Thornshade grinned at him " I have to thank you for leading me to the clan my brother, but you know to many secrets and that, well let's just say that's dangerous," he snarled pinning down Bramblecloud "You are no brother of mine!" He spat at Thornshade. Thornshade put his paw over his brother's stomach "I am going to destroy you!" He snarled and slowly raked his claws along Bramblecloud's face. He picked his brother up by the scruff and heaved him to the side of the river. He pushed his brothers head beneath the water. Bramblecloud's struggled but it was no use *I am going to die!* He thought to himself. Thornshade yanked him out of the water "Any last words!" He snarled then he ripped his brother's belly out. Thornshade grinned to himself and threw his brothers body behind a bush. "Now my deed is done," he meowed.

Echopaw's POV

Echopaw laid down in the apprentice den and fell asleep. She was in a dark place with trees without leaves that smelled of death. There was a dark grey cat with white patches on his feet and muzzle "W-Where am I?"Echopaw asked the strange cat. "I-Is this StarClan? Who are you?" She asked. The cat grinned at her "I am Badgershade and I am here to train you to be the best warrior MoonClan has ever seen!" He meowed

Thanks all of you for reading this WillowClan IS NOT my clan thegraciegirl2003 is the creator of the clan not me :) =^. .^=

Chapter 4

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(Cat above is Twilightpool tap picture to see)

Echopaw looked at Badgershade "Does this mean that I'm special?" She asked excitedly. Badgershade grinned at her "Of course you are!" He meowed, "Now let's begin," and unsheathed his claws leaping at Echopaw. Echopaw yelped and struggled as his claws raked her side. He stepped off her and frowned "you are not strong enough to fight me yet." He meowed "Twilightpool bring your apprentice over here!"

A dark black tom with icy blue eyes walked over with Pinepaw trailing behind him. "Pinepaw!" He meowed "Go show this cat how to fight!" Pinepaw nodded and unsheathed his claws. He lunged at his sister and landed on top of her clawing furiously at her. Echopaw kicked at her brother but he was much bigger than her. She clawed at Pinepaw's face and noticed his eyes were completely black. Echopaw clawed Pinepaw's stomach. She slipped out from under his grip and bit his tail and sunk her claws into his back leg. He cried out in pain. "Ok stop fighting now," Badgershade meowed. Echopaw stepped off her brother.

"Echopaw! Echopaw wake up! Wake up now!" Echopaw opened her eyes Foxstorm was standing over her. "What happened!?" She meowed "Uh... I must of um you see I uh.. Yeah I have no idea" Echopaw meowed Foxstorm glared at her " We need to get you to the medicine cat den! Now!" She meowed. Echopaw stood up and padded over to the medicine cat den. "Splashpaw!" Foxstorm meowed, "Get me some cobwebs!" Splashpaw rushed in carrying a mouthful of cobwebs. Pinepaw laid beside Echopaw his back leg was bleeding and he had scratches all over his pelt. Lilybreeze rushed into the medicine cat den "Pinepaw!" She meowed,"who did this to you!?" "Echopaw," he meowed feebly. Lilybreeze turned to look at Echopaw "How could you! You are no longer my kit!" She turned to Foxstorm "I don't care what you do with her let her die for all I care she harmed my precious son! She is a monster!" She spat Foxstorm meowed "It might not have been Echopaw's fault she was also harmed," Lilybreeze glared at Echopaw "Don't you ever come

near me again!" She spat at Echopaw "I hope she can't save you! You are a monster!" Echopaw cringed at her mother's words.

Echopaw laid in the medicine cat den with Pinepaw. Thornshade walked in "get up you useless apprentice! How are we supposed to get anything done if you are sleeping!" He snarled Pinepaw stood up "let's go!" He meowed and they walked out of the den.

Chapter 5

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(Cat above is Lilybreeze)
Echopaw sat in camp *Where is Bramblecloud?* She wondered to herself. When suddenly Thornshade burst into camp"Bramblecloud is dead!" He yowled. Oakstar stood up "what happened?" He meowed. "He was attacked by a badger," he meowed. "Where is his body?" He asked *Dead!* Echopaw thought to herself *how could this happen?* Oakstar and Thornshade walked out of camp to find Bramblecloud's body. Echopaw snuck after them. She followed them to the river. *I don't smell a badger* she thought to herself. *Who could have done this?* Echopaw wondered. Oakstar picked up Bramblecloud's lifeless corpse. And they trotted back to camp. She looked at her mentor's body *Why would any cat murder Bramblecloud?* She wondered. She snuck back to camp. Lilybreeze was sitting in camp when she glared at Echopaw as she walked back into camp. "All cats who can hunt in the moonlight gather under the Skytree for a clan meeting!" Oakstar yowled. Echopaw padded over and sat down next to Ferretpaw. "We have lost a noble warrior today!" Oakstar yowled "Bramblecloud was killed by a badger. We will sit a vigil for him tonight. His apprentice, Echopaw, will now be mentored by Dawnglow ! Clan dismissed!" Echopaw ran over to touch noses with Dawnglow. Then suddenly Flaresky burst into camp "Foxes!" He yowled as 3 foxes ran into camp. A fox leaped at Echopaw she tried to scramble away but the fox was faster. She sunk her claws into its russet colored fur. She clung onto the fox as it thrashed around. Her claws began to slip and the fox shook her off easily. Echopaw flew into a tree. She tried to stand up but she fell back down.Her shoulder was gushing and her vision went black.

Echopaw opened her eyes. She was lying in the medicine cat den and her shoulder was covered in cobwebs. *What happened?* She wondered. Foxstorm padded in with Splashpaw. "What happened?" Echopaw asked "You were knocked out when you hit the tree. Then all the foxes stopped for a moment and ran away!" Foxstorm

meowed. *Ran away?* Echopaw thought to herself *Why would they run away?* A few days later Echopaw was able to return to her apprentice duties.

Echopaw laid down in the apprentice den and fell asleep almost instantly. She woke up in a starry forest. *Where am I?* Echopaw wondered. A dark brown cat came out from behind the trees. "Bramblecloud!" Echopaw exclaimed "what are you doing here?" She asked "This is StarClan" he meowed "Badgershade is a cat from the dark forest you must never see him again!" Echopaw nodded "I will tell him that I can't come back." She meowed. "Echopaw there is something I need to tell you. Thorns can only be crushed by stones," he meowed and began to fade away. "Bramblecloud come back!" Echopaw yowled.

Echopaw woke with a start. Bramblecloud's words echoed in her head *Thorns can only be crushed by stones what does it even mean?* Echopaw thought to herself *What does it mean?*

Chapter 6

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(Cat above is Dawnglow)
Echopaw sat in the apprentice den. Dawnglow poked her head in "Why don't you go fetch the elders some new bedding," she meowed. "Ok!" Echopaw meowed and raced out of camp. She walked to the base of a huge tree there were thorns growing up it. She stared at it Bramblecloud's words echoed in her head *Thorns can only be crushed by stones* then she gasped *of course* she picked up a nearby stone in her jaws and she crushed the thorns with the stone. *There we go prophecy complete Bramblecloud will be so happy!* She collected some moss and headed back to camp.
She changed the elder's bedding and padded to the fresh-kill pile. She nibbled on a fish. She finished and walked out towards the river. Thornshade and Cloudblaze were siting beside it. Echopaw watched from the shadows. Thornshade leaped to his feet hissing something and he lunged at Cloudblaze and sunk his teeth into his throat and ripped it out. Cloudblaze gasped blood pooling on the floor his throat gurgling blood he spat up blood and fell to the floor. Dead.
Echopaw gasped *Of course he is the thorns but who is the stones?* She raced back to camp. She ran to Lilybreeze "Cloudblaze was killed by Thornshade!" She stuttered Lilybreeze leaped to her feet "Thornshade would never do that. You! You did it!" She yowled "Echopaw murdered Cloudblaze!" Oakstar gasped "Echopaw would never do such a thing!"
"But she did!"
"No I didn't!"
"Yes, you did you murdered my mate!"
The clan gasped. Oakstar stepped forward "Echopaw didn't murder Cloudblaze it was just a misunderstanding," Lilybreeze hissed "Some *misunderstanding*!" She yowled lunging at Echopaw snapping at her throat. Echopaw yowled and tried to push her off. Oakstar, Flaresky, Dawnglow, Bouncepaw and many others tried to pull Lilybreeze off.
They all pulled her off Echopaw. Oakstar yowled "Lilybreeze you

attacked your own daughter and your clan mates I exile you!" Lilybreeze hissed "You will be sorry!" She turned to Echopaw,"as for you, well, you better watch your back because one day I will destroy you." She turned at stalked away. "Wait!" Pinepaw shouted, "I am coming with you this clan is too weak," Then they both turned and walked away.
Echopaw stared in disbelief as they walked away. *How could this happen.* Oakstar held a clan meeting but Echopaw was too stunned to listen. Afterwards she went to the apprentice den and in her dreams she saw Bramblecloud again. "I did it!" She meowed. "Did what?" Bramblecloud asked "I completed the prophecy! I saw some thorns growing on a tree so I took a nearby stone and crushed them!" She meowed happily. Bramblecloud laughed "No you don't understand. But soon you will and if you see any thorns growing you don't need to smash them with a rock," me meowed "Oh," Echopaw meowed *Now I feel like a mouse brain* she thought. Then she awoke with a start something was wrong.

Chapter 7

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(Cat above is Cedarkit)
Echopaw ran towards the nursery. Roseclaw was kitting. Foxstorm was instructing her while Splashpaw tried to soothe the queen. The first kit was a pure grey tom. Roseclaw yowled as the next kit came an orange she-cat. "Good job!" Foxstorm meowed "That is all and they are all strong and healthy," Roseclaw wearily nodded. Thornshade licked his mates cheek affectionately "What will we name them?" He asked. Roseclaw looked her kits. "The orange one will be names Autumnkit and the grey one could be Cedarkit," she meowed. Thornshade nodded "They are beautiful," he meowed. Echopaw padded back to the apprentice den. And went back to sleep. She opened her eyes. *Oh no... I hope Badgershade will leave me alone* Badgershade was standing there "Well," he meowed "let's go train!" Echopaw hesitated *Well here it goes* "Umm... I-I I ca-can't come here any more. Umm... I-Uh I hope you understand," she meowed. Badgershade grinned then he chuckled "Oh you really think I'll leave you alone?"
"Umm... Well... Sort of-" Badgershade didn't let her finish. He leaped on top of her. Sinking his claws into her fur. She shrieked in pain. "Now!" He hissed "You are never leaving are you!" Echopaw kicked at him "Never!" She hissed. Echopaw awoke with a start. The sun was rising over the hills *This is why MoonClan is the best clan* she thought to herself.
Echopaw followed Dawnglow, Ferretpaw, Silverpaw, and Bouncepaw into the training hollow. "Now! Dawnglow meowed, "Let's begin!
Echopaw and Bouncepaw fight each other. Ferretpaw and Silverpaw fight each other the winners will face off. Keep your claws sheathed! Begin!" Bouncepaw leaped on his sister. Echopaw rolled away as her brother tried to attack her.
Her brother landed on top of her. She kicked him off. Echopaw scrambled away. Echopaw leaped on top of her brother. He scrambled away "I give up," he meowed.

Hey guys thanks so much for reading this far! I am sorry this took so long to update and that it was so short. I have been really busy but I will try to update more often. Thanks all of you!

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Chapter 8

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(Cat above is Splashpaw)
Echopaw stepped off her brother. Ferretpaw easily defeated Silverpaw. "Now!" Dawnglow meowed, "Begin!" Ferretpaw leaped on top of Echopaw. Echopaw kicked at her stomach and rolled out from beneath her. Echopaw crashed into her side knocking Ferretpaw over. Ferretpaw leaped to her feet and lunged at Echopaw. Echopaw squirmed out from underneath Ferretpaw. When suddenly their training was interrupted when Flaresky ran in yowling "Badgers! In camp!" Echopaw ran into camp there were 3 foxes in camp. She launched herself at a nearby badger trying to enter the nursery.
She sunk her claws into its pelt. It screeched in pain. Bouncepaw, Silverpaw, and Ferretpaw all jumped on the badger. The badger picked up Silverpaw in its jaws and clamped down hard. He shook Silverpaw and flung her at a bolder. Echopaw heard a crack as her sister hit the bolder. Blood welled up around Silverpaw as she gasped for air. Then suddenly Echopaw saw Badgershade standing before her. A smirk on his face "This," he meowed, "Is what you get for trying to leave," he let out a *marrow* of laughter as he faded away.
Echopaw flung herself at the badger tearing at its throat. "You will pay!" She hissed at the badger raking her claws across its face. The badger ran towards Silverpaw and picked her um in his jaws and ran out of camp. Echopaw stood stunned as they all ran out of camp *Now she will never have a proper burial*
Echopaw sat in the medicine cat den as Splashpaw treated her wounds. "Thanks," Echopaw meowed once Splashpaw had finished. She padded outside. Oakstar climbed up the SkyTree. "All cats old enough to hunt in the moonlight gather under the SkyTree for a clan meeting!" He yowled. Echopaw padded beneath the SkyTree. "As you all know we lost a noble warrior today Silverpaw! We will hold her vigil tonight! But that is not all! Ferretpaw, Bouncepaw, and Echopaw step forward!" Echopaw looked at her brother it looked like he was trying now to pass out. "These apprentices

fought bravely today and they are ready to become warriors! Ferretpaw, from this day forward you will be known as Ferretstorm! Bouncepaw, from this day forward you will be known as Bouncewing! Echopaw, from this day forward you will be known as Echostone!" "Ferretstorm! Bouncewing! Echostone! Ferretstorm! Bouncewing! Echostone!" The clan cheered. "They will sit vigil tonight!" He declared "Clan dismissed!"

Echostone happily padded over to the fresh kill pile and took a trout. As she ate it she thought *I wonder where Pinepaw and Lilybreeze are? Wait! Bramblecloud's prophecy! Am I the stones? What am I going to do? How do I stop Thornshade?* After thinking it over Echostone decided. She would not tell any one about Thornshade yet. Echostone sat beside Bouncewing and Ferretstorm. Echostone heard a rustling outside of camp "I will go see what it is you stay here in case it comes into camp," she whispered to Bouncewing and Ferretstorm. They nodded.

Echostone padded out into the forest. *Where is it?* She wondered. Then suddenly a familiar brown tom pinned her to the ground. "Well well well. What do we have here?" He meowed, "Did a little kit get lost?" He taunted. "P-Pinepaw?" Echostone stuttered "W-what are you doing here?" Pinepaw grinned, "I'm not Pine*paw* anymore!" He hissed "I am Pine*slash*!" Lilybreeze stepped out from the shadows. "Now!" She meowed, "Kill her."

Chapter 9

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(Cat above is Pineslash)
Pineslash grinned "Well," he meowed "this will be entertaining," Echostone tried to squeeze out of his grip but he was to big. "Don't even think about calling your friends or we will kill them too" she meowed circling Echostone like a hawk circling a kit awaiting its next meal. "Pineslash!" She meowed "Make it painful! And slow! Make sure she feels the pain of every cat she had killed!" Pineslash nodded a grin on his face. Lilybreeze dragged her over towards Pineslash "Now!" She meowed to Pineslash "Begin!"
Pineslash stalked towards Echostone. He lunged at her tearing at her stomach. Echostone tried to snap at his throat but Lilybreeze grabbed her from behind shoving her against a tree. Pineslash clawed at her face. She hissed at him as the blood poured from her face. Pineslash grabbed her and lugged her towards the river. She squirmed but we refused to let go. He shoved her head in the rushing water. *I'm going to drown!* She tried to claw at him but he swiftly moved out of the way of her attack. *This is it... And I didn't even get to say goodbye* then she heard a cat yowl "MoonClan! Attack!" Pineslash hissed "Attack them!" And a group of rouges stepped out from the darkness.
Cats were clawing furiously at one another. But Pineslash held her head beneath the water. When suddenly a starry black cat clawed at Pineslash. He cried out in pain as the mysterious cat snapped at him. Echostone lifted her head out of the river and coughed up water. She lunged at Pineslash and clawed at him he fell backwards into the lake. His head hit a stone. Pineslash yowled as his head smashed against a rock and cracked open. The blood flowed throughout the river. Flaresky was fighting Lilybreeze he ripped out her throat and she was dead.

Echostone leaped at one of the rouges and clawed its throat out. In the midst of battle she saw Thornshade fighting 3 cats at once his eyes were slits. He snarled "You maggots thing you can beat me?!" Ferretstorm and Bouncewing were fighting a large white tom. Echostone leaped on the tom. She tore part of his ear. Then he

yowled and all the rouges ran away. "Are you okay?!" Bouncewing asked, "You didn't come back so we told Oakstar and he gathered a patrol to come help!"
"Yeah, I'm okay," Echostone meowed. "Hey!" Ferretstorm meowed "Look over there!" Echostone looked toward the trees there was a small orange kit standing alone. "Hi!" He meowed "I'm Juniper! Those cats were mean and I wanted to join your clan! Please!" Echostone grinned "Of course you can! I'm sure Oakstar would be happy to have you!"
"Yay!" Juniper squeaked. Echostone picked up Juniper and padded over to Oakstar. "Hi!" Juniper meowed, "I'm Juniper! I want to join your clan!" Oakstar grinned "Of course you can little one!"
Then they all walked back to camp. Oakstar climbed up the SkyTree. "All cats who can hunt in the moonlight gather under the SkyTree for a clan meeting!" He yowled. Juniper leaned over towards Echostone "Can I hunt in the moonlight?" He whispered. Echostone chuckled and nodded. Oakstar continued "After our battle with the rouges we found a stray kit! He would like to be part of our clan! Juniper! You will now be known as Juniperkit until you become an apprentice! Do we have any queens who would like to care for him?" Roseclaw stepped forward. "I will!" She yowled. "Okay," Oakstar meowed "Roseclaw will care for Juniperkit! Clan dismissed!" Juniperkit skipped towards his new mother and siblings. Echostone smiled as the kits played with each other.

Thanks all of you for reading this far! There is still a long way to go before this book is over though! By the way Roseclaw is NOT evil. And doesn't know Thornshade is evil. Thanks again! 😊

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Chapter 10

[image]

(Cat above is Juniperkit)

Echostone nibbled on a squirrel as she watched Juniperkit, Autumnkit, and Cedarkit play. It had been a few moons since the battle with the rouges. She finished her squirrel and stood up. Dawnglow rushed into camp yowling, "We were on patrol and Flaresky chased and caught a piece of prey on WillowClan territory. Then Flaresky being Flaresky attacked them. He is wounded and Bouncewing is bringing him," Foxstorm and Splashbreeze ran into their den to prepare the herbs. Bouncewing trotted into camp carrying the deputy.

Foxstorm and Splashbreeze began to treat Flaresky's wounds. Oakstar climbed up the SkyTree. "All cats who can hunt in the moonlight gather under the SkyTree for a clan meeting!" He yowled,"Autumnkit, Cedarkit, and Juniperkit please come forward! These kits have reached the age of 6 moons and are ready to become apprentices! Autumnkit, Cedarkit, and Juniperkit do you promise to uphold the warrior code and protect and defend the clan?" "I do!" The all meowed excitedly,"Autumnkit, from this day forward until you revive your warrior name you will be known as Autumnpaw until you receive your warrior name and your mentor will be Echostone. Juniperkit, from this day forward until you receive your warrior name, you will be known as Juniperpaw and your mentor will be Ferretstorm. Cedarkit, from this day forward until you receive your warrior name you will be known as Cedarpaw and your mentor will be Bouncewing." The new apprentices ran over to touch noses with their mentors. "Autumnpaw! Juniperpaw! Cedarpaw! Autumnpaw! Juniperpaw! Cedarpaw!" The clan cheered. "Also we have a gathering tonight! The cats coming will be Echostone, Autumnpaw, Ferretstorm, Juniperpaw, Bouncewing, Cedarpaw, Thornshade, Dawnglow, and Roseclaw. Flaresky will not be attending the gathering he needs to rest. Clan dismissed," he yowled.

"Come on!" Echostone meowed to her apprentice, "Let's go explore the territory!" Autumnpaw nodded happily in agreement. Echostone

led her apprentice out of camp.

After showing her appreciate the territory they padded back to camp. "Come on!" Autumnpaw meowed happily, "We don't want to miss the gathering!" Echostone chuckled as they entered the camp. Oakstar padded towards the entrance of camp "Come on let's go!" Autumnpaw meowed as they walked to the gathering.
Oakstar jumped on his tree as the other leaders jumped on their trees.

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Autumnpaw watched the leaders as they jumped on their trees. She saw a reddish brown she-cat sitting with a dappled she-cat. *They look nice* Autumnpaw thought. She padded over to them, "Hi!" She meowed, "I'm Autumnpaw! I'm from MoonClan!"
"Hi!" The reddish brown she-cat replied "I'm Foxpaw and this is Dapplepaw! We're from FlameClan!" Dapplepaw's fur was puffed out with embarrassment.
A grey tom padded over, "Hi!" He meowed "I'm Wolfpaw! I'm from WillowClan!"
"Hi!" Autumnpaw meowed "I'm Autumnpaw and I'm from MoonClan!" Foxpaw and Dapplepaw introduced themselves. They listened as the leaders began to talk. A black she-cat began *That must be Emberstar* she thought as she meowed, "FlameClan is good, they prey is good and the clan is thriving," Autumnpaw listened as the other leaders announced until it was MoonClan's turn.
"MoonClan has 3 new apprentices, Cedarpaw, Juniperpaw, and Autumnpaw!" Oakstar meowed. "Cedarpaw! Juniperpaw! Autumnpaw! Cedarpaw! Juniperpaw! Autumnpaw!" Everyone cheered. Autumnpaw smiled as she heard her name being chanted.

Chapter 11

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(Cat above is Quailpaw)

Echostone padded into camp with Autumnpaw trailing behind her. Shatteredice trotted up to Echostone, "Hey, umm... I was wondering if you wanted to share this mouse with me?" Echostone grinned happily, "Of course!" She meowed. They happily ate the mouse together.

After they finished the mouse a strange calico she-cat ran into camp. She yowled, "Juniper! I know you're here! I need you! Come out!" Juniperpaw stepped out of the apprentice den his eyes widened in surprise, "What are *you* doing here?" Juniperpaw hissed, "Juniper! I need you! They need you! Swamp died and now they forced me to come and bring you back!" She meowed. Juniperpaw hissed, "No! I belong here now! I'm sorry sister," She meowed, "B-but if I don't bring you back they- they'll kill me!" Juniperpaw hesitated, " Stay here! We'll protect you!" He meowed. The she-cat hesitated, "Ok," she meowed. "Yay!" Juniperpaw meowed. Oakstar padded over, "What is your name?" He asked, "I'm Quail," she responded. Oakstar nodded he walked towards the SkyTree. He began to climb it. "All cats who can hunt in the moonlight gather under the SkyTree for a clan meeting!" He yowled. Echostone sat beneath the SkyTree beside Iceshatter.

"Quail, Juniperpaw's sister, has come to MoonClan in search of her brother! Now we must help her! Quail! Do you wish to join our clan?" He yowled. Quail nodded, "Yes, I do!" She meowed. Oakstar nodded, "Okay then, Quail, from this moment on until you receive your warrior name you will be known as Quailpaw and your mentor will be Sparktail!" He yowled. "Quailpaw! Quailpaw! Quailpaw!" The clan cheered.

After the clan meeting Echostone padded up to Juniperpaw and Quailpaw. "So," she meowed, "Who was your mother?" Juniperpaw responded, "Lilybreeze," Echostone froze, "L-Lilybreeze?!?" She finally meowed. Quailpaw nodded, "Yep, her. And then Pineslash was our half-brother. He was always very mean," Quailpaw meowed. "Oh," Echostone meowed, "Well, umm... You see...

Lilybreeze was my mom too."

Chapter 12

[image]

(Cat above is Iceshatter)
"S-she was?" Juniperpaw meowed Echostone nodded, "Yes, she was." Their conversation was interrupted by Foxstorm steeping out of her den and yowling, "Flaresky is dead!" Echostone gasped *B-but how?* She wondered. Oakstar ran into the medicine cat den. Echostone stood frozen she couldn't believe it. Oakstar finally left the den and leaped up on the SkyTree. "Flaresky is dead!" He meowed, "He was a brave and noble deputy and he served his clan well, but now it is time for the choosing of a new deputy. And the new deputy will be Echostone!" *Me?!?* Echostone thought to herself *I-U was chosen to be deputy?!?* She dipped her head, "I will do my best to serve my clan," she meowed.

Oakstar nodded, "I'm sure you will," he meowed and leaped off the SkyTree. Thornshade glared at her. Echostone wandered out of camp to go hunting. She saw a mouse at the foot of a tree. She crouched and began to sneak towards it. There was a loud snap and the mouse ran away. *What was that?* Echostone wondered. She spun around and Thornshade was standing there. "Well," he meowed,"looks like your the new deputy, though it's a shame you won't be for long," he leaped at Echostone pinning her to the ground. "I WILL be leader!" He hissed. "Echostone! Echostone!" Autumnpaw yowled. Thornshade scowled, "That stupid apprentice!" Autumnpaw saw Thornshade, "W-what are you doing?!?" She meowed. Thornshade launched himself at her but she ran towards camp. "No!"he hissed," they can't know! I must destroy the stones!"

Echostone threw herself on top of Thornshade clawing furiously.

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Autumnpaw ran towards camp. *I can't let Echostone die!* She thought to herself. She ran into the center of camp and yowled, "Thornshade is trying to kill Echostone!" Oakstar leaped to his feet. "Let's go!" He meowed, "Any cat who wishes to join me come now!" A few ran forward and they ran out of camp.
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Oakstar ran forward towards Echostone and Thornshade. He saw them rolling on the ground clawing angrily at each other. Oakstar leaped on Thornshade and bit his ear. Thornshade hissed and clawed Oakstar's throat out. Then Oakstar's vision went black.

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Echostone threw herself at Thornshade and ripped out his stomach. He gasped and fell to the floor his blood pooling around him. He was dead. And so was Oakstar.
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Chapter 13

Echostone padded to the medicine cat den. Foxstorm and Splashbreeze were there waiting for her. Foxstorm rasped,"I'm to old to make this journey Splashbreeze will go with you," Echostone nodded, "I understand, come on Splashbreeze let's go," Splashbreeze nodded and they began their journey to the Star Rock.

They padded into the cave brightly illuminated by the glowing rock the shape of a star. Echostone and Splashbreeze laid down and touched their noses to the stone. Echostone closed her eyes and she was in StarClan. She saw Cloudblaze, Silverpaw, Breezekit, Oakstar, Berryfang, Bramblecloud, Silverfrost, Wolfpaw, and a strange brown tom with green eyes. And Splashbreeze stood beside her. Cloudblaze stepped towards her, "We are going to give you your nine lives. The first one will hurt the worst and they will gradually get better. So prepare yourself," he meowed. Echostone nodded and braced herself. "With this life I give you understanding use it well," Echostone gasped as her life was stripped away and replaced with a new one. Then Silverpaw stepped forward, "With this life I give you faith use it well to serve your clan," Echostone winced as she recived her second life. Breezekit walked towards her sister, "With this life I give you humor to see you through even the darkest times." she meowed. Echostone felt stronger as she received her third life. Then Oakstar walked over to Echostone, "With this life I give you truth use it to always tell the truth for the best of your clan," he meowed. Echostone shook as she received her fourth life. Berryfang walked forward towards Echostone. "With this life I give you bravery to be strong when your clan need you," Echostone trembled as she felt her fifth life flow into her body. Bramblecloud padded towards his old apprentice, "With this life I give you determination so you won't give in to the darkness," Echostone felt stronger as she revived her sixth life. Silverfrost walked towards Echostone, "With this life I give you happiness so you can always be joyful," Echostone felt herself becoming happier as her seventh life entered her body. Wolfpaw came towards Echostone, "With this life I give you duty so you can serve your clan always," Echostone could

feel herself growing stronger as she revived her next life. Then the brown tom came forward, "My name was Foreststar I was leader before Oakstar. With this life I give you sympathy so you will forgive the innocent," Echostone looked at the nine cats as she recived her final life. "I hail you by your new name, Echostar. Your old life is no more. You have now received the nine lives of a leader, and StarClan grants you the guardianship of MoonClan. Defend it well; care for young and old; honor your ancestors and the traditions of the warrior code; live each life with pride and dignity." Oakstar meowed. "Echostar! Echostar!" The cats chanted.

Echostar and Splashbreeze padded out of the cave back towards camp.

CLAN ANNOUNCMENT

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OK so we were bordering clans but all of them deleted the clan or went inactive etc. Soooo..... I made up my own clans so I don't have to deal with the problem any more because when MoonClan goes to the gathering I have NO idea what I'm supposed to do so the clans are, MoonClan (that's us), CreekClan, RainClan, and SparkClan. And then the Twolegs are over there. Just see map above. 😊 Ok that's all!

Chapter 14

[image]

(Cat above is Skypaw)
Echostar and Splashbreeze padded back to camp. When they walked into camp they saw all of the cats huddled around Foxstorm's body. Echostar and Splashbreeze raced over to see if Foxstorm was ok. The calico she-cat was panting heavily. She looked up at Echostar, her eyes dull, "I must tell you this before I die," she meowed coughing in between. "No!" Splashbreeze interrupted, "I won't let you die I can't-" she was cut off by Foxstorm who continued, "StarClan has given me a prophecy, Beware the Cedar who wishes to make the Echoes fade away only the coming Autumn, Juniper,and the Quail together can stop the Cedar," then she gasped for breath and whispered, "Splashbreeze, you'll do great I'm sure. Goodbye," and then she stopped breathing.
Splashbreeze and Echostar prepared Foxstorm's body for the vigil. Echostar leaped up on the SkyTree. "All cats old enough to hunt in the moonlight gather under the SkyTree for a clan meeting!" All the cats were already looking up at Echostar. "Today we lost our loyal medicine cat, Foxstorm, Splashbreeze will be our only medicine cat now. And now it is time for me to choose my deputy," she meowed,"And our new deputy will be Duskblaze!"
"Duskblaze! Duskblaze!" The clan yowled. Duskblaze padded up to the SkyTree, "I will do my best to protect our clan," he meowed and dipped his head.
Echostar sat beside Foxstorm's cold body and watched as the elder picked her up and buried her. Splashbreeze watched her old mentor sadly. Skykit bounded out of the nursery, "I get to become an apprentice today!" She meowed happily. She padded over to Splashbreeze, "I want to be a medicine cat. Can I? Please!!!" She begged. Splashbreeze perked up as Skykit bounced around her. "Ok!" Splashbreeze meowed happily. She glanced over at Echostar who nodded and padded towards the SkyTree. "All cats old enough to hunt in the moonlight gather under the SkyTree for a clan meeting!" She yowled. Skykit bounded forward excitedly. "Skykit, you have reached the age of six moons, and it is time for you to be

apprenticed. From this day on, until you receive your medicine cat name, you will be known as Skypaw. Your mentor will be Splashbreeze. I hope Splashbreeze will pass down all she knows on to you,"
Skypaw dashed over to her new mentor touching noses with her. Echostar, Bouncewing, Ferretstorm, Sparktail,Autumnpaw, Cedarpaw, Juniperpaw, and Quailpaw padded out of camp to go train. Echostar demonstrated how to catch a fish while Bouncewing fell in the river. "I was demonstrating what not to do," he argued with his sister. Echostar and Ferretstorm chuckled.
~~~~~~~~ Cedarpaw's POV~~~~~~~~~

Cedarpaw padded back into camp after training. He curled up in his bed and fell asleep. He looked around. She was there again. "Hello Skystorm," he meowed and glanced over towards the shadows, "I know your there you can come out now dad,"
Thornshade stepped out from the shadows, grinning at his son. "So," Skystorm meowed, "I guess you know that your in the prophecy now,"
"I'm the Cedar?" He meowed. Thornshade cackled, "Yes and that means you get the honor of killing Echostar," he meowed, "Make me proud son."
~~~~~~~~ Echostar's POV ~~~~~~~~~

Echostar closed her eyes and fell asleep. She glanced around. Badgershade was staring at her, "Well, well. Thought you were done with me did you?" He hissed, "Didn't you!" Echostar took a step back. "I'm the leader now. I *never* want to come here again do you here me! NEVER!" She hissed. "I don't want to end up like *you*!" She spat. Then she leaped at Badgershade clawing at his throat. Badgershade smirked. "That's right. Let the hatred overcome you," then he leaped at Echostar raking his claws along her back. "No," Echostar whispered, "I won't fight back. I won't let you beat me. I am not evil I will be good and I will lead my clan the best I can. No I'm going." She hissed.

Badgershade walked in front of her. First let me show you something," he meowed. "No! I'm leaving now!" She hissed. Badgershade shrugged an grabbed her and pulled her into the shadows. "Let go of me you fox-hearted-" she stopped when she saw Cedarpaw with Thornshade and a strange grey cat. She gasped, "But-" Badgershade interrupted her, "You can go now," he meowed. And Echostar woke with a start. Cedarpaw was working for the

Dark Forest.
No she thought to herself *Badgershade was just trying to make me think Cedarpaw was there. Yes that has to be it. Cedarpaw would never betray the clan. Wouldn't he?* Then she poked her head out of her den. Iceshatter was sitting right out side. "Oh-umm- hi!" He meowed nervously, "I actually was wondering, uh- if you umm.... Wanted to be my.... Um... Mate." Echostar grinned, "Of course!" She meowed happily. His ears perked up. "Really!" He meowed. She nodded. "Yes of course!" The they happily curled their tails around each other.

Chapter 15

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(Cat above is Greystar)
Echostar opened one eye as the harsh sunlight on her fur. Groggily, she stood up and stretched. Iceshatter blinked and looked up at his mate. Echostar grinned at her mate as he woke up. Echostar climbed up the SkyTree and yowled, "All cats old enough to hunt in the moonlight gather under the SkyTree for a clan meeting!" With her clan looking up at her, Echostar began, "We are having a gathering tonight! The cats coming are Fettetstorm, Bouncewing, Autumnpaw, Cedarpaw, Juniperpaw, Sparktail, Quailpaw, Iceshatter, and Wolfpelt! Clan dismissed!" She leaped down from the branch she was sitting on.
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Cedarpaw watched Echostar as she talked to them about catching birds. Cedarpaw, not caring in the slightest bit was examining his claws. "Now Cedarpaw," she meowed startling the grey tom, "What would we do?"
"Uhh.... Um..... You would.... Uhhhh..... Sit on it?" He meowed confused not hearing what Echostar had asked. *Why do I need to know this. Soon enough she'll be dead and I'LL be the leader. I'll improve all of these mouse-brained clans* "No. Cedarpaw can you repeat the question," she meowed snapping him out of his thoughts. Furious, Cedarpaw hissed, "Why should I?" Bouncewing gave his apprentice a stern look. "Cedarpaw..." He warned. Angrily, Cedarpaw stormed off into the forest.
Cedarpaw stopped he couldn't do this. She would suspect he was up to something. After stubbornly arguing with himself he padded back to training. Autumnpaw watched him with disgust as he glared at Echostar.
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Echostar padded back into camp. "Ok!" She yowled, "Time for the gathering!". The chosen cats followed her out of camp. She walked across the log leading to the island. She leaped up on her branch and looked at the other leaders. Greystar of CreekClan, Duckstar of RainClan, and Springstar of SparkClan. Duckstar dipped his golden

head, "I'll begin if you don't mind,"he meowed. The other leaders dipped their heads. "RainClan has been doing well! We have had much prey and all is well," he meowed and dipped his head. Springstar went next, "SparkClan is thriving! The forest is rich with prey. And we have two new warriors, Jaytalon and Swiftfoot!" "Jaytalon! Swiftfoot! Jaytalon! Swiftfoot!" The clans cheered. Jaytalon grinned, embarrassed. Swiftfoot on the other hand was standing tall and proud like he just became the leader. Echostar went next, "MoonClan is doing well. Oakstar has died and now I lead MoonClan. We are flourishing. There is much prey and no sickness. But our medicine cat, Foxstorm, has died now Splashbreeze is our medicine and her new apprentice is Skypaw!" "Skypaw! Skypaw! Skypaw!" The clans cheered. Skypaw smiled happily. Echostar dipped her head and stepped back. Greystar, who was now very elderly, meowed, "CreekClan is suffering a horrible disease. Cloverdream and her kits have died as well as two of our elders-" she was cut off as she broke into a coughing fit. Cedarpaw interrupted he just as she was about to start again, "Likely *you* would say that *Greystar,*" he meowed. The clans gasped. "How *did* Branchstar and Amberfang both die?" He meowed. "They just disappeared!" She meowed, "Honestly,"
" Same day. Just *disappeared* did they?" Cedarpaw said grinning, "*Quite* the coincidence. Isn't it Greystar? Then StarClan just *happened* to come to *you* and say *you* were to lead CreekClan?" Now CreekClan just *has* a disease. If *I* didn't know any better, I would think you want the clans to *pity* your *weak* clan,"Furiously, Greystar leaped off her branch barreling into Cedarpaw.

Swiftly, Cedarpaw rolled out of they way. "So *old* cat. You want to fight *me*? Well, you're asking for it!" He spat. Greystar looked at him with wild eyes. "You really *do* take after your father," she meowed. Startled Cedarpaw stumbled backwards. "Y-you knew my father?!?" He meowed. She nodded. His eyes narrowed as he leaped at the old grey cat.
"Stop!!!" Swiftfoot yowled. He glanced up at the moon. "StarClan is angry!" Cedarpaw ignored his warning and leaped on Greystar. His claws dug into her throat. Crimson blood pooled around the grey cat's feeble body. She looked at Cedarpaw. "Don't," she meowed, "Don't chose the same patch your father chose. There is good in you. I can see it," then, she closed her eyes. Cedarpaw gasped looking down at his paws stained with the blood of Greystar.

Hi guys. Cedarpaw so EVILLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLL. ;) (Only da squad will know)

Chapter 16

[image]

(Cat above is EVILLLLLLL Cedarpaw)

Echostar gasped as Cedarpaw killed Greystar. All of the other cats were just as shocked. Cedarpaw looked down. "I-I didn't mean to. I don't know what came over me I-I just.... Lost control," Sparrowstep of SparkClan hissed, "You don't belong in the forest why don't you just *leave*,"

The others murmured in agreement. "W-What?!?" Cedarpaw yelped as Grassclaw, Greystar's deputy, leaped on him, pinning him to the floor. He spat, "Leave now you filthy *murderer*,"

"Wait!" A voice called out. The clans spun around and saw Roseclaw step out from behind the bushes. "I-I'm going with my son," she meowed, "My mate was killed in this *horrible* forest anyway. Cedarpaw, Autumnpaw, Juniperpaw. Come," she meowed. Cedarpaw happily trotted over to his mother. Autumnpaw and Juniperpaw didn't budge. "Come my kits. *Now*," she meowed. "No," Autumnpaw and Juniperpaw meowed at the same time. Roseclaw's eyes narrowed. "Okay then," she meowed, "Let's go Cedarpaw," Cedarpaw nodded. He turned to Echostar, "Look out," he meowed turning his head, "Soon, the Echoes will fade away," then he followed his mother away.

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Juniperpaw watched his adopted brother and mother walk away. *I can't believe it. They're really gone.* He glanced up at Echostar who was frozen with shock like the rest of the leaders. Echostar snapped out of it and yowled, "The gathering is over," leaping off her branch like the rest of the leaders. "Come on," his mentor, Ferretstorm, meowed, "Let's go,"

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Echostar sat in her den as the rest of the camp slept under the pale, grey moon. Iceshatter lay beside her fast asleep. Cedarpaw's words echoed in her head, 'Look out. Soon the Echoes will fade away,'
He is the Cedar and I am the Echoes. Now only the Autumn, Juniper, and Quail together can save me.

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Autumnpaw awoke with a start when she heard a cat cry out in terror. A reddish brown kit was yowling as 5 badgers chased her into camp. Echostar leaped on a badger as Iceshatter clawed at its face. Bouncewing, Ferretstorm, and Sparktail were taking on another. Autumnpaw leaped on a badger. Quailpaw and Juniperpaw attacked the fourth badger. Duskblaze and Wolfpelt attacked the last badger. The kit was cowering in the corner of camp.

Autumnpaw clawed the badger along its face. It flung her off into the stump of a tree. Her body made a sickening thump as it hit the trunk. Then her vision went black.

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"When will she wake up?"

"Will she be okay?"

"She'll be fine,"

"Are you sure?"

"Yes, I'm sure,"

"Is she going to wake up soon?"

"Yes, any moment now," Autumnpaw wearily opened one eye and looked around. *I'm in the medicine cat den* she looked over Bouncewing was laying in the nest beside her. His ear was covered with herbs. Autumnpaw groaned and rolled over. Quailpaw, Juniperpaw, Skypaw, and Splashbreeze were all huddled around her. Autumnpaw tried to stand up but she fell back to the floor. "W-what happened?" She asked shakily. "The badger knocked you unconscious!" Skypaw meowed, "But you'll be fine you just need to rest," Splashbreeze interrupted.

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Echostar leaped up on the SkyTree. Autumnpaw poked her head out of the medicine cat den as Echostar yowled, "All cats old enough to hunt in the moonlight gather under the SkyTree for a clan meeting!" she yowled. "Today this cat was chased in by badgers," she looked down at the young cat. "Would you like to join MoonClan?" She meowed, the cat nodded, "My name is Dash," she added. Echostar nodded, "Then from this day forward you will be know as Dashpaw and Iceshatter will be your mentor," she yowled. Iceshatter touched noses with his new apprentice. "Dashpaw! Dashpaw!" Shouted the clan.

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Echostar stalled a mouse in the forest. She heard leaves crunching

behind her. She spun around. Badgershade stood behind her. "What are *you* doing here?" She hissed. "Well," he meowed, "I'm your old mentor so I thought I might come to warn you,"
"Warn me about what?"Echostar asked. "About Dashpaw," he responded
"She will betray you," Echostar looked at him, "No, your wrong. She would never do such a thing," she hissed. Badgershade shrugged, "Well, I warned you. But you are just too trusting. Just like with Cedarpaw," he meowed, then he disappeared.

Chapter 17

[image]

(Cat above is Iceshatter)

Echostar watched the sun rise casting light on her pelt. The golden light lit up the lush green hills. Iceshatter slep soundly beside his mate. Echostar kept thinking about Badgershade's words. *He's probably trying to fool me.* She thought to herself.

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Autumnpaw padded outside of camp and sighed. She kept thinking about her brother. "Oh Cedarpaw," she whispered to herself, "Why did you have to do this? Where are you?" She glanced up and saw a pair of eyes staring at her from the darkness. She yelped is surprise as Cedarpaw walked towards her, "I think you mean *Cedarthorn* now," he meowed, "Soon to be leader of MoonClan once I continue with my plan. But now my sweet sister, you know too much I say. I'm sorry I have to do this," Then Autumnpaw's vision went black.

Autumnpaw opened one eye. *Am I in StarClan?* She wondered. She then realized that she was in a box made of wires. Then she saw a group of cats standing around her. She leapt to her feet, but the box was closed. A large black ad white tom meowed, "I *told* you the cage would work!" A brown cat rolled her eyes."Tremble, I've seen them do it to other twolegs and it worked," The tom meowed.

"Yeah whatever *kittypet,*" Tremble hissed. "Oh quit arguing you mouse-brains," Roseclaw meowed pushing through the arguing cats, "Soul, thank you for-" The brown cat didn't let her finish, "Oh! Of course! No problem! Ya! Any time!" Tremble rolled her eyes, "Someone needs to shut you up,"She meowed, "I heard you ya know!" Soul meowed. Tremble rolled her eyes once more and padded away. "That's what twolegs call a cage twolegs use it to trap cats. " Soul meowed seeing the confused expression on Autumnpaw's face, "Strange creatures twolegs are. I know all there
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is to know about them!" He said proudly. Cedarthorn pushed through the cats and put his face close to his sister's face. His breath smelled of rotting crow-food and his ribs jutted out of his sides like the rest of his cats, "So *sister*. Thought you could beat me didn't you. Well... Now I have my own group of cats. Each have their own talents. Soul is the twoleg expert and knows how to use their strange things. Tremble is good at planning. Mango is good at fighting. Frost... We're still trying to figure out hers," Frost stuck her tongue out at him. "And many others," he meowed. "*Now* all we need is a good hunter so we don't have to eat this rotton crow-food," a grey cat mumbled. Cedarthorn spin around, "Don't like it here do you!?!" he hissed,"Then why don't you *go*!" The cat took a step back, "I-I'm sorry I just-"

"Just *what*?" Cedarpaw hissed, "You don't like the *food* do you? Well then... We'll see how you like it after not eating it for a week!" The grey cat cowered and dipped his head, "Yes master," he mumbled. "What?" Cedarthorn meowed, "I can't hear you," The grey cat's ears laid flat against his head as he hissed, "I *said* yes *master*," he spat out the word master as if he and a worm in his mouth. Cedarthorn hissed and lunged at the cat's throat. The cat stumbled back as Thornshade snapped his neck. Autumnpaw's eyes widened as she gasped at the dead cat's body. Cedarthorn looked at his cats. "Now everyone get back to work. Except Soul. Come help me with the prisoner," he meowed. The cats nodded and padded away. Soul came over to Cedarthorn. Cedarthorn whispered something in Soul's ear and Soul nodded. Cedarthorn padded away while Soul sat beside Autumnpaw's *cage*. Autumnpaw noticed the scar along Soul's right, hind leg. "Where did you get that scar from?" She asked trying to start a conversation. "Oh!" Soul meowed happily, "To prove our loyalty to Cedarthorn, he scars us on our back right leg. Every cat has one. He's a good leader," Autumnpaw closed her eyes as he continued to blabber on and on about twolegs an whatnot.

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Echostar poked her head in the apprentices den. Autumnpaw's bed was empty. *She wouldn't visit Cedarpaw. She wouldn't. Would she?* Echostar wondered to herself. She shook Juniperpaw, Quailpaw and Dashpaw awake. "What is it? I was *trying* to sleep," Quailpaw
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yawned sleepily. "Yeah," Juniper agreed with his sister. "So," Echostar meowed, "It doesn't concern you that Autumnpaw is missing," All three cats gasped. "B-But she was here when we went to sleep!" Quailpaw meowed. Dashpaw looked up at Echostar with big eyes, "C-Can I talk to you for a moment?" Dashpaw meowed to Echostar. Dashpaw glanced at her den mates who were listening eagerly. "Alone," she meowed. Their grins faded away and they padded out of the den. Dashpaw began, "I-I saw her last night,"she confessed, "I had to go make dirt and I saw her sneaking through the dirt-place. I asked her where she was going, but she hissed at me that she was going to join her brother and no one could stop her. I tried to reason with her, but she was not changing her mind. I followed her and... She met up with Cedarpaw and they... talked about ruling MoonClan. Brother and sister. Killing you. Avenging their father's death. Then they left," Dashpaw finished.

Echostar said nothing and left the den in shock. *Would Autumnpaw betray her clan? Would she visit her brother?* Echostar's head was flooded with thoughts. *No* she thought *I won't doubt Autumnpaw until I have proof I have to trust my apprentice. Right?*

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Juniperpaw fell over his sister as they tried to listen to Echostar and Dashpaw's conversation. He put his ear to the wall of the den but it was silent. Then he saw Echostar leave the den. *Where is my sister?* Juniperpaw thought *Autumnpaw wouldn't visit Cedarpaw. Not after all he's done she wouldn't. She couldn't. Right? No, don't doubt her. She wouldn't do that. She's my sister.*
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Chapter 18

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(Cat above is Dashpaw drawn by me :3)
Autumnpaw paced back and forth tensely. Cedarthorn let Soul let her out of the cage but she was guarded by 5 cats. *I need to tell Echostar but how will I ever get out of here?!?* Autumnpaw pondered. She was still think of ways to escape when Cedarthorn and his patrol came back. And there was a kit with them. Fox held the kit in her jaws as Cedarthorn, who was covered in another cat's blood yowled, "We were patrolling our territory and this *kittypet* ," he hissed flicking his tail over at a golden cat covered in blood, "Thought it would be a *good idea* to attack us. Now we have brought him and his kit to the camp. We shall execute the kittypet at dawn!" Autumnpaw, the kittypet, and the kit were all kept in the same area of the *barn* where Cedarthorn's group slept. Autumnpaw fell asleep but soon she was shocked awake. "Wake up," the kittypet meowed, "Please wake up," Autumnpaw woke with a start, "What is it?" She yawned. "I'm Susie and this is my kit, Ginger. I-I need you to take care of her," she meowed motioning to the golden sleeping kit. "She doesn't know I'm going to die and I *need* you to take care of her. She can't die. She means everything to me I-I just-,"
Autumnpaw cut her off, "Yes," she meowed, "I'll take care of your daughter. I-I'll try my hardest to make sure she survives. I'll bring her back to the forest. I-I promise," Susie nodded, "Thank you," then she looked at Autumnpaw, "I-I'm afraid," she meowed, "I-I d-don't want to die," Autumnpaw looked up at her. Autumnpaw couldn't think of anything to say so she wrapped her tail around Susie, trying to comfort the cat.
Some time in the night Susie and Autumnpaw had both fallen asleep. "Get up," Roseclaw hissed. Autumnpaw leaped to her feet as Susie picked up Ginger giving her to Autumnpaw. "I-I'm ready," Susie meowed. "I don't care," Roseclaw growled shoving the cats along. "Take care of her," Susie whispered to Autumnpaw. She nodded. "Where are we going?" Ginger squeaked, "Is it to get food Im hungry!" Susie looked at her kit in grief. "M-Mommy has to go," she meowed to her kit. "Go where will you come back?" Ginger

meowed. "N-No I'm afraid not," she meowed. "But I don't want you to leave!" The kit wailed. "It'll be okay," Susie soothed her kit, "She'll take care of you when I'm gone,"
"But I want you mommy!" The kit mewled. "Oh quit talking," Cedarthorn hissed as he grabbed Susie and pulled her towards the center of the barn. Autumnpaw snuck behind a bale of hay and hid Ginger, "I'm going to try and save your mommy, just stay here," Autumnpaw whispered to the kit. Ginger nodded. Autumnpaw stepped out from behind the bale of hay and saw Susie trembling as two cats circled her like vultures. One of them lunged at Susie. Autumnpaw barreled into the cat knocking the air out of him. He hissed as the other cat lunged at Susie.
Autumnpaw leaped off the cat onto the other. Cedarthorn chuckled as he saw the cats tearing at each other. Every cat was fighting viciously, even Susie who was biting a cat in the neck. Autumnpaw ripped out the cat's belly as the blood bubbled around his wound and pooled out on the ground.
The cat Susie was fighting barreled into her, knocking Susie to the floor. The cat snapped Susie's neck as she fell to the floor with a divining thud. She looked up at Autumnpaw, "Take care of her," she mouthed as she took her final breaths. Ginger leaped out from behind the hay and skidded to a stop when she saw his mother covered in her own blood. "M-Momma?" She wailed. She tried to run towards her, but Roseclaw picked her up. Ginger squirmed in her jaws. "Let me go! I want to see my mommy!" She wailed. Cedarthorn hissed at the kit, "Your *mommy* is *dead* now you *idiotic* little kit!" Ginger shook as Roseclaw and Cedarthorn walked away with her. Autumnpaw glanced at Susie who was now dead. She darted after the kit but Frost pulled her back by her scruff. "We need to teach you a lesson just like Cedarthorn is going to teach that kit a lesson!" He hissed. He takes his claws down Autumnpaw's flank laughing. Autumnpaw trembled as cats kept scaring her fragile body that haven't eaten in a few days. She tried to fight them but there were too many and she was too weak. Owl, who was the largest tom went last at attacking Autumnpaw.
The sunk his claws in her ear. She yowled in pain as he tore off part of her ear. He snickered and tore his claws down her face as she screamed. The other cats were cheering him on and laughing. Autumnpaw tried to stand up on her wobbly legs but she fell right back down. All the cats laughed at her as Owl taunted, "What's

wrong? Is the kit too weak to stand up?" The group of cats laughed.
Autumnpaw got dizzy and her vision became blurry, then she fainted.
Autumnpaw woke up and she was back where she, Ginger, and Susie had slept before. There were three cats guarding her and Ginger was nowhere in sight. *Where could he be?* But then her question was answered by the sound of Ginger's high pitched wailing on the bottom level of the barn.

Guys this chapter was really hard to write this chapter so much death I almost cried ;-; 😭 Soooooooo sorry Susie. She was going to live for a little longer.... But she had to die. So sad. So sad. Cedarthorn is just too EEEEEEEVILLLLLL..... Yep. That's the problem.... Let's have a moment of silence for Susie and Ginger who also suffered from the death of his mom ;-; ..... Good bye Susie. Thanks for reading guys!!!!!

Chapter 19

[image]

(Cat above is Ginger the little Munchkin cat!! So cute)
This chapter will be filled with DEATH DEATH DEATH DEATH DEATH DEATH DEATH DEATH!!

Autumnpaw leaped to her feet in shock. *Ginger! I promised I'd take care of him!* She paced back and forth as the guards shot her dirty looks. After what seemed like moons of listening to Ginger's cries, Roseclaw came to Autumnpaw with Ginger, who was covered in his own blood, and placed him in the ground besides Autumnpaw. She quickly noticed that the little she-cat's ear was shredded and her tail was now a short stump covered in blood. Her shiny golden fur was grimy, and covered with patches of dirt.

Autumnpaw wrapped her tail around the shaking kit trying to comfort her. Ginger looked at her stumpy tail and whimpered. "There there," Autumnpaw whispered to the small kit. "M-My tail's gone!" Ginger wailed. "Don't worry," Autumnpaw whispered to the sniffling kit, "I'll make them pay," Ginger nodded. "I want my mommy!" She cried. Frost, one of the guards, hissed, "Your mom is dead you stupid mouse brained kit!" Autumnpaw hissed and lunged at Frost, knocking the surprised cat over. "Get *off* me!" Frost hissed. Autumnpaw ripped out Frost's throat. He gasped as blood gurgled on his neck. Autumnpaw spun around and saw Roseclaw holding Ginger over the edge of the barn. Cedarthorn chuckled. Ginger shrieked as Roseclaw held him over the edge of the barn. "No!" Autumnpaw shrieked as Roseclaw let go of the golden kit. Autumnpaw pushed Roseclaw out of the way an saw Ginger hit the ground, her neck at an awkward angle. "No!" Autumnpaw screeched as Ginger stopped breathing. *I promised. I promised.*
"*You*!" Autumnpaw hissed lunging at Roseclaw's throat. Roseclaw gracefully tumbled out of the way. Autumnpaw raked her claws down her mother's stomach. Roseclaw hissed at her daughter. Blood poured from Roseclaw's wound pooling on the floor around her. Autumnpaw knocked Roseclaw to the floor. Roseclaw's head lolled to the side as her eyes went dark. Cedathorn looked down at his

mother's corpse. His eyes narrowed at his sister. "*You* killed our *mother*. You *monster*!" Cedarthorn hissed at his sister.

Autumnpaw ran. She didn't look back. On lithe paws she ran through the forest. She heard Cedarthorn and his cats behind her, but she refused to look back. She dashed into MoonClan camp. "Cedarthorn is coming!" She yowled. Echostar ran out of her den, but they were already there. In the twilight with the stars shining brightly, Cedarthorn and his cats attacked MoonClan. The rain was pouring hard. Echostar lunged at Cedathorn. Iceshatter fought alongside his mate.

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Echostar raked her claws along Cedarthorn's throat. She glanced at her clan mates. And then Dashpaw rammed into Echostar fighting along Cedarthorn. He looked at Dashpaw, "Glad you could join us. But be careful. We wouldn't want to harm our kits. Now would we Dashfoot," Cedarthorn meowed. Dashfoot grinned, nodded, then leapt into battle. Lightning struck the camp. "Fire!" Bouncewing yowled. "Leave now my love. Our kits need to be safe!" Cedarthorn meowed at Dashfoot. She nodded and ran out of camp, but Ferretstorm lunged at her sinking her teeth into her neck. Dashfoot squealed as she fell to the floor gasping for air, her blood puddled around her. Then Cedarthorn's group of cats ran out of camp. "Where are you going you cowards!" Cedarthorn hissed. "We have a battle to win!" Bouncewing tackled his apprentice. "Run!" He yowled to his clan mates."Run now!"

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All of Bouncewing's clan mates ran out of camp. "You," he hissed at Cedarthorn, "You're staying with me,"

"Bouncewing!" Echostar yowled from the entrance of camp. "Get out now!" Bouncewing yowled at his sister. Echostar looked at her brother in agony, "Good bye Bouncewing," She meowed. Then Bouncewing's vision was obscured by the flames. Then he let the flames engulf him and his apprentice, Cedarthorn.

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Echostar watched in vain as her brother killed, and was killed. "Bouncewing!" She yowled her body shaking hard. Iceshatter wrapped his tail around his mate. She nuzzled her face into his soft fur.

The rain put out the fire eventually. Echostar sat in the remains of the medicine cat den looking at her brother's body. Iceshatter sat beside her. "Hey," he meowed placing his head on top of her's,"It'll be okay," Echostar nodded. "I guess this isn't the best time to tell you," Echostar meowed, "But I'm expecting our kits."

Chapter 20

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(Cat above is Flightkit)
A few moons after the fire, Echostar felt a kick in her stomach. "The kits are coming!" She yowled. Iceshatter, Ferretstorm, Sparktail, and Duskblaze all ran over to her. Iceshatter ran around nervously in circles. "What do I do?!?!" he meowed at Ferretstorm. Ferretstorm whimpered, "How should I know?!?"

"Where is Splashbreeze?" Sparktail yowled. "She's at the Star Stone with Skypaw!" Duskblaze responded. "Some one do something" Autumnpaw, now Autumnwing named after Bouncewing, yowled. Quailpaw, who had been named Quailspark after his mentor, Sparktail, and Juniperpaw, who had insisted his name be Juniperstorm after his mentor, Ferretstorm, paced back and forth nervously. Echostar cried out in pain as the first kit came, a grey and white tom. Autumnwing watched her former mentor hoping she'd be all right. Echostar yowled as the next kit came, a calico she-cat. Echostar yowled in agony as the final kit came, a black tom. Gasping with relief, Echostar meowed,"The grey and white one will be Flightkit. The calico will be Meadowkit. And the black one will be Nightkit," Redleaf meowed, "They are beautiful, I'm sure they'll make great warriors,"

"Yeah," Wolfpelt agreed. The other cats all murmered in agreement. Echostar smiled. "Thank you," she meowed. Then she curled up around her kits and fell asleep.

Echostar looked around her dream. "Badgershade!" She yelped seeing her old dark forest mentor, "What are you doing here! I'm not joining you!" She hissed. He shrugged, "Have it your way then. Kill me,"

"What?" Echostar meowed,surprised, "Is this another one of your tricks?" Badgershade didn't respond. Echostar lunged at Badgershade. Badgershade grinned and leaped on top of her sinking his claws into her back. She flipped over pinning him to the ground.

She raked her claws into his throat. He smiled, "Kill me. See where that takes you. You'll end up just like me. All alone. A murderer," Echostar stepped off him. "No," she meowed. He grinned, "Kill me. Take my place,"

"Never. Never come to my dreams again. Don't bring me here again," she meowed. Then she woke up.

Echostar looked around. She was in her den with her mate and kits. She sighed and curled up around her sleeping kits. She kept thinking about Bouncewing. *I miss him.*

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Autumnwing glanced around the forest. The snow covered the forest floor. She heard a rustle in the bushes. She glanced up. Eyes stared at her from behind the trees. "Who's there?" she meowed. A brown tabby tom with white paws looked at her. Her ears perked up, "Who are you?" she asked. He smiled, "I'll tell you if you tell me," Autumnwing rolled her eyes, chuckling,"I'm Autumnwing,"

"Autumnwing... That's a pretty name, I'm Coyoteflight," he meowed. Autumnwing grinned. "Coyoteflight... Very-" Coyoteflight cut her off, "Majestic? Handsome? Funny? Don't leave me hanging!" Autumnwing giggled, "All three," she meowed. He grinned, "Well that's good. I thought you didn't like it," She playfully cuffed his ear, "Oh of *course* I like it silly," Then they both burst out laughing. "Hey,do you want to... um... meet up again tomorrow night?" he meowed hopefully. Autumnwing smiled, "Sure!"

Autumnwing padded into camp smiling. Juniperstorm came up to his adopted sister. "Hey Autumnwing," Juniperstorm meowed, "Weren't you going hunting?"

"Huh?" Autumnwing meowed dreamily, "Oh!" she meowed seeming to realize someone was talking to her, "Urr.... there .... was no prey!" She meowed hurriedly. 'Hmm..." Juniperstorm meowed, "You know, I haven't seen you *this* happy in... Well... Forever,"

"Oh!" she meowed, "I... urr... had a good day," then dashed away. Juniperstorm shrugged and went to go eat a mouse.
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Autumnwing slowly crept out of camp. The moonlight shown on her pelt. She looked around. "Coyoteflight," she whispered, "Coyoteflight," she sighed *Has he already forgotten?* she wondered. She began to pad away. "Boo!" Coyoteflight meowed, leaping out from behind the bushes. Autumnwing smiled. "Hey Coyoteflight, thought you'd forgotten,"

"What?"he meowed surprised, "How could I *ever* forget about you?" he nuzzled Autumnwing. "Hey," he meowed, "I was wondering if you... well... I kind of.... I... well.... Autumnwing, I love you. Do you love me?"

Autumnwing was at a loss for words, "I..."

"I understand if you don't... he meowed. "I *do*!" Autumnwing yelped, "I *do* love you!" Coyoteflight grinned "Really?!"

"Yes really silly!" she meowed playfully leaping on Coyoteflight. He grinned. "We should do this every night," he meowed. Autumnwing smiled at him."Yes we should," she agreed.

SHIP! SHIP! SHIP! SHIP! Coyoteflight is from CreekClan btw.

Chapter 21

[image]

((Cat above is Coyoteflight))

Echostar watched her kits play in the clearing of camp. Flightkit pounced on his sister. Meadowkit squealed with joy as she pushed her brother off her. Then she batted playfully at Nightkit's tail. Nightkit looked at Sparktail and Spottedtail talking to each other, "I have an idea!" Nightkit announced to his litter mates excitedly. He shook Meadowkit who had fallen asleep next to Echostar. "Wake up!" he meowed. "Huh!" Meadowkit meowed standing up groggily. He whispered something in his litter mates' ears and they all nodded in unison and padded over to Sparktail and Spottedtail.

Echostar smiled as she watched her kits. Iceshatter padded over to her wrapping his tail around her as they watched their kits play.

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Autumnwing peacefully watched the snow fall and thought about Coyoteflight. *Maybe one day we can have kits... That would be great*. Autumnwing thought to herself as she watched Echostar's kits run around camp. *One day...*

Autmnwing quietly padded out of camp as she had the past few nights. She looked around for Coyoteflight. He stood in the moonlight as the silver light reflected off his coat making him seem like he was glowing. "Coyotefight," She meowed with joy leaping onto him. He laughed as he pushed her off playfully and wrapped his tail around her.

"Hey Coyoteflight,"

"Yeah?"

"I was wondering if you wanted to have kits?"
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"Of course my dear. I would love to,"

Autmnwing sat in the warriors den as she drifted off to sleep after visiting Coyoteflight. She opened her eyes with a start. *Where am I?* she wondered as she glanced around a starry forest. *Is this StarClan*? She wondered. A white tom appeared in front of her."W-Who are you?" she asked. "I'm Couldblaze, Echostar's father, now Autumnwing I must tell you. My son, Bouncewing, is coming back to the forest. When you asked Coyoteflight to have kits one moon ago, Bouncewing disappeared from StarClan. One of your kits has Bouncewing's soul, but you may not keep him for yourself. He is the only one to save CreekClan. If he is not given to Coyoteflight, then CreekClan will be gone forever and the snake will rule the forest forever. You give the kit that has Bouncewing's soul to your mate and keep the other for yourself, then CreekClan has a chance,"

"But how will I know?" Autumnwing asked frantically, "When the time comes, you will know," Cloudblaze meowed then he was gone.

Autumnwing woke with a start. The sun was rising over the hills. She padded over to the fresh kill pile and hungrily devoured a mouse. She puffed out her fur trying to make it look like she was cold not expecting kits.

Chapter 22

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((Cat above is Timberkit, & Flamekit looks like a mini Bouncewing))
Autumnwing paced back and forth as she waited for Coyoteflight. *I need to tell him about our kits!* She thought to herself as she continued to pace back and forth until finally, after what seemed like moons of waiting, Coyoteflight came.

"Hey," he meowed, "You seem tense, what's wrong?"
"One of our kits... Will..." She tried to meow but her words weren't coming out right. "What?" He meowed. "Oh... Ur... Yeah.... Mmmmhhhhhmmm.... Yep..."
"What?" He meowed. "Oh, nothing," Autumnwing meowed. "Huh. Okay." Coyoteflight shrugged and wrapped his tail around his mate.

A few moons later, Autumnwing sat beside Coyoteflight as she heaved heavily. "I-I think the kits are coming," she meowed. He nodded, "I don't know what to do... Ur.... Just keep breathing!" Coyoteflight meowed nervously. Autumnwing just nodded

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Echostar awoke with a start when she heard the yowling of a familiar she-cat. Her ears perked up as she ran towards the yowling.

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"Someone's coming!" Coyoteflight yelped. Autumnwing's eyes grew wide as Echostar burst out from the bushes. "E-Echo-" she began to meow but was soon cut off by her own yowling as the first kit came. After the first kit came, a white she-cat, Coyoteflight ran over to her licking the young kit.

Autumnwing cried out as the next, and last, kit came, a black tom. Coyoteflight licked both of the kits as they began to mewl. She looked down at her kits, "We can call the white one Timberkit and the black one Flamekit," she meowed, she looked up at her mate. She knew what she needed to do. "Echostar," she meowed,"Could we-" Echostar nodded and padded away.

Autumnwing looked at her mate and remembered what Cloudblaze had said. "Coyoteflight," she meowed, "I-I need to tell you something,"
"Anything my dear!" He meowed happily licking the kits. "W-We can't see each other again. I-I love you b-but we need to do what's best for our clan. T-Take Flamekit with you t-to remember me," Coyoteflight looked at his mate, his eyes sad. He didn't say anything. He just dipped his head, picked up the mewling Flamekit, and left.

Autumnwing watched as her mate left and her heart broke into a thousand tiny pieces. *It needed to be done* she thought to herself as Echostar passed over to her. She wrapped her tail around her former apprentice, "You did good," she meowed. Autumnwing nodded. "Come on," Echostar meowed, "Let's go back to camp," Autumnwing nodded and picked up tiny Timberkit.

Echostar led Autumnwing to the nursery. Autumnwing curled up around her kit and fell asleep. She glanced around her dream. *Is this the Place of No Stars?* Her question was answered when Cedarthorn and Thornshade stood in front of her. She heard a meow and saw Timberkit sitting beside her, "Why have you brought me and my kit here?!?" She hissed.

Cedarthorn and his father smirked. "We need you to kill someone," Thornshade meowed. "No!" Autumnwing meowed. "Well we have a little leverage you *may* want to know about," Cedarthorn meowed. Autumnwing glanced down at her kit. "Exactly," Cedarthorn meowed.

Chapter 23

[image]

((Cat above is Flamekit for all those who don't know what Bouncewing looks like))
"No!" Autumnwing hissed, "You can't do this!"
"Oh yeah," Cedarthorn meowed, "Watch me!" Then he lunged at the mewling white kit. Autumnwing barreled into him sinking her claws into his throat. He laughed pushing her off as Thornshade leaped on Timberkit. "No!!!!!" Autumnwing yowled as she leaped on Thornshade. Cedarthorn jumped on her back. Thornshade picked up Timberkit in his jaws. And snapped her neck. "Noooooooooooo!" Autumnwing yowled as she woke up.

Timberkit lay dead beside her, the kit's neck bent at an awkward angle. "No!" She yowled. Echostar, Juniperstorm, and Quailtail rushed in, "Wha-" Echostar was about to ask but then she saw Timberkit's distorted corpse. She said nothing but wrapped her tail around Autumnwing.

Autumnwing refused to eat, cried out in her sleep, and did nothing. After a few days, Juniperstorm padded over to his sister. He dropped a mouse in front of her. "You need to eat," he meowed as he looked at her ribs jutting out of her sides. She nodded as he padded out of the den. She picked up the mouse and placed it back in the fresh-kill pile.

Autumnwing closed her eyes and began to dream. "Hello," a grey and white she cat meowed, "I'm Skystorm. The same thing happened to me, my kits were killed too. I can help you. Join me and you can see your kit again," Autumnwing's ears pricked, "Really?" She asked. Skystorm nodded, "I fell in love with a cat from another clan, and he betrayed me,"
"Tell me what to do,"

Autumnwing snuck into Echostar's den. *I need to to see my kits*. She unsheathed her claws and raised her paw. Echostar opened her eyes and moved out of the way just in time. Autumnwing hissed, "Hold

still! I need to kill you! I need to see Timberkit again!" Then she lunged at Echostar.

Echostar rolled out of the way and clawed at Autumnwing. Autumnwing leaped onto a startled Iceshatter. He yelped and flipped her off his back. Echostar knocked Autumnwing into the trunk of the SkyTree as Autumnwing fell unconscious.

Autumnwing opened her eyes. Skystorm stood over her. "I lived!" Autumnwing meowed. "No," Skystorm meowed, "But you did good, welcome to the Dark Forest,"

Echostar looked down at Autumnwing's body. *At least she's been put out of her misery* Echostar thought.

Chapter 24

[image]

(Cat above is Snakefang)
Yay last chapter!!!!
Echostar watched her kits, who were now apprentices, practice battle training. She watched the sun set over the hills. "Okay," she meowed to her kits and their mentors, "Time to go to the gathering." They padded back into camp. "All cats coming to the gathering we are leaving now!" She yowled. The group of cats followed her out of camp.

When they got to the island, Echostar leaped up in her branch. Duckstar, leader of RainClan, Springstar, leader of SparkClan, and the new leader of CreekClan were all there. The leader of CreekClan went first, "I am Frogstar," the old leader, who looked like he should be on the elder's den, rasped, "This is my deputy, Snakefang,". A blackish grey tom with yellow eyes dipped his head. "Coyoteflight has had a kit with an unknown she cat. CreekClan is doing well,". Duckstar went next, "RainClan is thriving. We have three new kits, Tulipkit, Twigkit, and Crowkit," then Springstar, "SparkClan is doing well. There is lots of prey in our territory," Last Echostar, "MoonClan is doing good as well, we have three new apprentices, Nightpaw, Flightpaw, and Meadowpaw,"
"Nightpaw! Flightpaw! Meadowpaw!" The clans cheered.

Echostar led her clan back to camp. She laid down in her den and quickly fell asleep. She looked around *I'm in StarClan!* She looked around. She saw Cloudblaze in front of her. "Dad!" She meowed running into her father. "How's Bouncewing?" She asked. Cloudblaze hesitated, "That's what I came here to tell you... He's not here anymore.... He's back in the forest." He meowed.

"W-What?!?! T-That's not possible!!! Is it?" Echostar stuttered. Cloudblaze nodded, "It is," Cloudblaze responded.

Echostar opened her eyes and paced back and forth in her den *Bouncewing. Bouncewing. Bouncewing is back.*

Echostar closed her eyes again. And dreamed. Of Bouncewing. A young kit bounced around camp. *That's why Bouncewing is Bouncewing.* She thought of her brother smiling. He happily leaped on his little sister. She watched her and her brother as kits.

Echostar woke up with a start. "Bouncewing!" She cried out. Iceshatter opened one eye and glanced at her. "Huh?" He yawned. "Oh..." She meowed, "Nothing."
"Hmm... Okay?" He meowed and fell back asleep.

Echostar closed her eyes and tried to sleep, but no sleep came. *Bouncewing* she thought *Bouncewing is back...*

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Juniperstorm sat beside his sister. He thought about Autumnwing *How could she betray Echostar? What happened to my sister?*

He turned to Quailtail. "Hey," he meowed to his sister, "Want to go hunting?"
"Okay!" She meowed happily and they padded off together out of camp.

Juniperstorm's tail lashed across the forest floor as he stalked a mouse. He heard a rustling in the bushes which scared off his prey. He rolled his eyes. "Quailtail! Be more careful you scared off my prey!" He yowled. There was no response. "Quailtail?" He meowed walking towards the rustling. His sister's body lay on the floor convulsing as the blood gurgled from the wound in her throat. "Quailtail!" Juniperstorm wailed. A large dark tom knocked Juniperstorm to the floor. He recognized him as Snakefang, the deputy of CreekClan. "*You!*" He hissed, "You killed my sister!"
"Shut up," the tom meowed, "Because you're next."

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Echostar watched the moon rise. *Where are Quailtail and Juniperstorm? They should be back by now*. She wondered. She padded out of camp to look for the two lost siblings. She followed their scent. And saw their dead mutilated bodies. Then she saw the bloody paw prints leading away. *Obviously the cat who did it wasn't*

the careful cat. They didn't even bother to hide their tracks. She followed then and they led straight to the river. The tracks were gone. *Oh great they're smarter than I thought...*

Echostar sadly dragged the bodies of the cats back to camp. "Juniperstorm and Quailtail were murdered!" She yowled. Ferretstorm and Sparktail ran over to their apprentices in grief. *They will pay...* Echostar thought angrily to herself as she looked down at the dead cats. Their eyes were frozen open in terror as they were murdered in their last moments of life.

Echostar looked watched as the sun rose and the elders carried the bodies of the deceased cats away to bury them. *Goodbye Juniperstorm and Quailtail*

Omg thanks guys soooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo much for reading! My next book will be out soon! Merry Christmas or Hanukah or whichever holiday you celebrate! Ferretstorm belongs to EvilKittypet Sparktail belongs to blue_sapphire015 and Wolfpelt belongs to mjstorm04 . Thanks everyone for reading! Hope you enjoyed!!!!!!! My next book will be about Flamekit/paw. Should be out soon!

~ Mia (Yes that's my name :))